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| PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT   | Attorney Docket Confirmation No. | UCAL-096 CIP3<br>9705                        |
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| Mail Stop RCE<br>Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | First Named Inventor             | R.W. Mahley                                  |
|   | Application Number               | 09/782,757                                   |
|   | Filing Date                      | February 12, 2001                            |
|   | Group Art Unit                   | 1617   |
|   | Examiner Name                    | S.A. Jiang                                   |
|   | Title                            | <i>Compounds effecting neuron remodeling</i> |

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 23, 2005, making this Preliminary Amendment and RCE due on or before April 23, 2005. *A Petition for a three-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before July 23, 2005.* Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment and RCE are timely filed.